

Provisional Vital Statistics for May 2004

Live births decreased in May as 5,668 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,391 one year earlier. Cumulative births increased for the five months ending with May, but decreased for the 12-month period ending with May.

Deaths also decreased in May as 3,866 Missourians died compared with 4,183 in May 2003. As with births, cumulative deaths increased for the five month period ending with May and decreased for the 12-months ending with May.

The **Natural increase** in May was 1,802 (5,668 births minus 3,866 deaths). For the cumulative five- and 12-month periods ending with May, the

natural increase declined.

Marriages increased in May, but decreased for the five- and 12-month periods ending with May.

Dissolutions of marriage also increased in May, but decreased for the cumulative periods ending with May shown in the table below. For the 12-months ending with May, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.88 to 1.76.

Infant deaths decreased for the three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with May, the infant death rate decreased from 8.4 to 7.3 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>May</u>				<u>Jan-May cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with May</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Live Births	6,391	5,668	14.1	11.3	30,711	31,578	13.2	13.2	77,108	76,397	13.0	13.6	13.4
Deaths	4,183	3,866	9.2	7.7	24,357	25,680	10.5	10.7	55,369	54,729	9.8	9.7	9.6
Natural increase	2,208	1,802	4.9	3.6	6,354	5,898	2.7	2.5	21,739	21,668	3.2	3.8	3.8
Marriages	4,541	6,326	10.0	12.6	14,852	13,915	6.4	5.8	42,329	39,049	7.4	7.4	6.8
Dissolutions	2,069	2,159	4.6	4.3	9,406	9,179	4.0	3.8	22,504	22,219	4.1	4.0	3.9
Infant deaths	57	48	8.9	8.5	291	240	9.5	7.6	651	556	8.3	8.4	7.3
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,652	5,686	5,719

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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